

The Honorable David G. Estudillo
The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

NO. CR23-5097 DGE

Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF RELATED CASE

V.

MATTHEW GREENWOOD.

Defendant

NO. CR23-5167 BHS

NOTICE OF RELATED CASE

JEREMY CRAHAN.

Defendant

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 31, 2022, the government filed a Criminal Complaint charging defendants Matthew Greenwood and Jeremy Crahan with *Conspiracy to Damage Energy Facilities*, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1366. MJ23-5000, Dkt. 1.

On January 3, 2023, Greenwood and Crahan made their initial appearances on the charges contained in the Complaint. Defense counsel were appointed for both defendants on that same day, MJ23-5000, Dkt. 10.

1 On January 12, 2023, and again on March 2, 2023, at the joint request of the
 2 parties, the Court entered an Order extending the time for indictment, under Title 18,
 3 United States Code, Section 3161(b). MJ23-5000, Dkt. 27, 47.

4 On April 24, 2023, Greenwood entered a guilty plea, pursuant to a Plea
 5 Agreement, to the offense of *Conspiracy to Damage Energy Facilities*, in violation of
 6 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1366. The case was assigned Case Number CR23-
 7 5097 DGE.

8 On May 17, 2023, the government filed an Indictment charging Crahan with the
 9 same offense, *Conspiracy to Damage Energy Facilities*, in violation of Title 18, United
 10 States Code, Section 1366, and four related substantive counts of *Destruction of an*
 11 *Energy Facility*, in violation of the same statute. All counts in the Indictment name
 12 Matthew Greenwood as a co-conspirator and accomplice in the crimes charged against
 13 Crahan. The case against Crahan was assigned Case Number CR23-5167 BHS.

14 II. DISCUSSION

15 Local Criminal Rule 13 encourages counsel “to file a notice of related case in
 16 order to bring such cases to the Court’s attention.” The Court may reassign criminal cases
 17 pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 13 which provides:

18 (a) **Common Questions.** When criminal cases involving common questions of
 19 law and fact (but not necessarily the same parties) are assigned to different
 judges, there may be good reason to assign all of said cases to one judge.
 20 Such may be assigned to the judge to whom the case bearing the earliest filing
 21 number was assigned, at his or her option.

22 The cases against Greenwood and Crahan involve identical and fully overlapping
 23 issues of law and fact. The defendants committed the crimes together and were originally
 24 charged jointly by Complaint. The only reason they are now charged separately is that
 25 Greenwood elected to plead guilty to an Information while Crahan’s case proceeded by
 26 way of an Indictment.

For these reasons, the government submits this notice advising the Court that these two cases are related and submits that reassignment to the same judge may be in the interest of judicial economy.

DATED this 18th day of May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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